IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.

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For: Non-Peptide GnRH Agents, Methods and Intermediates For Their Preparation

AMENDMENT UNDER PCT ARTICLE 34(2)(b) AND LETTER UNDER RULE 11.14 § 66

United States Receiving Office Acting in the capacity of the International Preliminary Examining Authority Box PCT Washington, DC 20231

ATTN: RO/US

Sir:

In response to the Communication Regarding Extension of Time Limit, transmitted on April 26, 2000, and Decision on Petition, transmitted September 22, 2000, Applicants submit an Amendment under Article 34(2)(b). Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered prior to issuance of the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Replacement sheets 1 to 440 and fifteen (15) drawings sheets (Figs. 1-14) are provided herewith. It is submitted that the substitute pages and figures as amended herein do not extend beyond the disclosure of the international application as originally filed, but merely comprise cosmetic changes as clearly requested in the Notice to Correct Defects in the International Application, transmitted February 18, 2000, and subsequently confirmed by the PCT Branch of the United States Receiving Office.

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Applicants submit that this amendment is timely and that no fee is due. However, in the event any extensions of time or additional fees are required to prevent withdrawal of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby requested and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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